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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT

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1. IN COURSE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH GOJ SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL MORIYAMA (IN
WASHINGTON FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE), ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR
ZURHELLEN ASKED HOW JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT WAS GOING,
NOTING PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HAD SAID IN DIET IN DECEMBER
THAT HE INTENDED TO SEEK RATIFICATION DURING PRESENT DIET
SESSION. MORIYAMA REPLIED THAT TANAKA HAD MADE STATEMENT
AT URGING OF SMALL GROUPS WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND REAL
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SITUATION AND THERE HAD BEEN NO PROPER CONSULTATION WITHIN

LDP. IT WAS NECESSARY TO GO FORWARD SLOWLY, WITH FULL DELIBERATION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONSEQUENCES; SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA HAD TO BE LOOKED AT CLOSELY AND EQUALITY OF TREATMENT WITH EURATOM ASSURED; JAPAN WAS NO DOUBT MOVING IN DIRECTION OF RATIFICATION. HOWEVER, TO SPEAK SOMEWHAT BLUNTLY, HE FELT OVER-EAGER PEOPLE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION SHOULD STOP USING SUCH EXCUSES AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND REVIEW CONFERENCE TO PUSH GOVERNMENT.

2. ZURHELLEN REPLIED THAT DECISION ON NPT IS ONE SOLELY FOR JAPANESE TO MAKE IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS. HOWEVER, FACT REMAINS THAT NPT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE

INFLUENCE OVER PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN YEARS AHEAD FOR BOTH PARTIES AND NON-PARTIES. IT IS UP TO JAPAN TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT IT WANTS TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS THROUGH MECHANISM OF PARTICIPATION IN TREATY.

3. COMMENT. IT WAS CLEAR FROM TWENTY-MINUTE CONVERSATION THAT MORIYAMA IS NO ADVOCATE OF NPT. HIS MANNER WAS CORDIAL, HOWEVER, AND HE CAREFULLY TOOK NOTE OF CHARGE'S NAME. IF CHARGE BELIEVES IT USEFUL, HE MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP BY PERSONAL CALL ON MORIYAMA. KISSINGER

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